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June 20, 1994

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 978 902

Mr. Robert M. Robison 690 East Martindale Lane Fillmore, Utah 84631

Re: Unauthorized Mining Activities, ML 982 and ML 43854 Project, S/027/053, Millard

County, Utah

Dear Mr. Robison:

On June 7, 1994, the Division received a copy of a letter from State Lands and Forestry concerning your mining operation located in Section 2, T23S, R6W, SLBM, Millard County, Utah. The letter stated that you are currently mining under the leases obtained from State Lands. Rule R647-2 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated, requires that all mining activities be properly permitted with this Division and related agencies *before* commencing mining activities. Our records indicate that we have not received a Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations for your mining project; therefore, you may be conducting operations in direct violation of the Mined Land Reclamation Act (the "Act"). The Act applies to all lands within Utah, including: federal, state, and private (except Indian reservations, military installations, national and state parks, etc.).

Enclosed is a set of our rules which apply to exploration, small, and large mining activities conducted within the state. We have also enclosed copies of our permit application forms (MR-EXP, MR-SMO, and MR-LMO) for your use. Please complete and *immediately* return the appropriate form to this office. You will need to assess your current, and/or proposed, level of exploration or mining activity to determine which form to use. A small mine is categorized as having no more than 5 surface acres of disturbance (including constructed and/or upgraded access roads) at any time during the life of the operation. A mining operation disturbing more than 5 acres is categorized as a large mine.



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Large mining operations are required to post a reclamation surety with this Division. The surety amount is based upon projected costs to reclaim the mine disturbance after mining has ceased. Small mining operations do not have to post a reclamation surety with this Division. Your failure to immediately file the appropriate permit application form(s) may result in subsequent enforcement action being initiated by this office.

Before conducting mining operations on *state leased lands*, the operator must provide formal written notification, post a reclamation bond, and obtain written approval from the Division of State Lands and Forestry. Please contact them for their requirements. Their address is: State Lands and Forestry, 355 West North Temple, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1204; phone number (801) 538-5508.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. In reply, <u>please refer to assigned file number S/027/053</u>. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Travis W. Jones

Reclamation Hydrologist

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John Blake, State Lands

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